

Board of Selectpersons, Sweden, ME

March 2, 2010

Present: John Clifford, Alberta Ridlon, JP Smith, William Jones, Jane Gibbons, and Warren Noble briefly

The meeting was opened at 6 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no warrant.

Roads: Mr. Clifford reported that Mr. Drew would be putting sand on Hardscrabble Road and would see to a significant hole on Waterford Rd. He warned that homeowners will need to be notified as trees need to be removed along Hardscrabble Road when it is repaired. The Selectmen took no action of the Rural Road Initiative as the portion required by the town was beyond our means to pay.

Fire Department: An accounting of gas usage for January and February was submitted by Mr. Noble. Mr. Noble said that he could put in for mileage because he was paid a stipend. Mr. Jones said that mileage was for out of town travel. The only persons to get in town mileage is the Road Commissioner and Mr. Kiesman for doing 911 assignment of house numbers. The request for reimbursement for mileage was denied. (3-0).

No Financial items.

Other:

1. Should an email account be opened for the selectmen, clerk and tax collector-treasurer. Mr. Jones had set up an email account for the clerk: townofsweden@hughes.net It was suggested that DJ have a Hughesnet email address. Her mail can be forwarded to her home email address automatically. It was suggested that it be swedentaxcollector@hughes.net.
2. The Town office parking lot had not been plowed on two occasions this past week. Mr. Clifford would be giving Mr. Drew a copy of the office hours so that plowing would happen when the office is open. Mr. Paul Venza has volunteered to shovel out the mail box area and walks at the town hall. (Jane later confirmed this.)
3. On Feb. 25th Mr. Noble had found a problem with the water heater in the Town Hall. An electrical problem had occurred at the Town Hall. Dave Monahan was called and he and Mr. Noble spent the morning and found a faulty wire in the newer construction. Mr. Noble has borrowed the Municipal Officers Manual.
4. Foreclosures: Sue Pilgrim of MMA stated that once a property has been foreclosed on, you can't do a poverty abatement. Mrs. Ridlon informed Mr. Noble of this and reminded him that General Assistance can be used to pay taxes.
5. There was a clarification of the issue about Fire Department training expenses. The Fire Department budget item is called "Call/training stipends" The request for attending the training

- session mentioned in the Feb. 23 minutes would be taken from that account.
6. The Selectmen looked at the list of appointed officers for next year. Mr. Jones will continue as MMWAC representative. Mr. Smith will contact the Health Officer, the CEO and Plumbing Inspector. Mrs. Ridlon will talk to Sue Black about Conservation Commission and Cemetery Sexton positions. Mrs. Ridlon will check on the Budget Committee.
 7. The minutes of the Feb. 23rd meeting were approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28.

Jane Gibbons, Clerk